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The Washington College Field School in Archaeology is working on two African-American sites from June 1 through July 9, 1999. The first is the Frederick Douglass Birthplace, a plantation in northern Talbot County. Fieldwork will concentrate on survey and reconnaissance to locate the plantation buildings and cabin in which the abolitionist was raised. The second site is located on the Hermitage in Queen Anne's County, where excavation is focusing on slave quarters, including still-standing 18th Century cabin. Excavations are seeking structural details of the surviving quarter remains of other buildings that stood nearby. Contact Dr. John Seidel (john.seidel@washcoll.edu) for more information.

The Forrest C. Pogue Public History Institute has received a \$3,700 grant from the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission to develop interpretive materials on the lives of African Americans at Columbus, Kentucky during the Civil War. The project will collect and make available information about the little-known, but important, role that Kentucky African-American troops played in the Civil War. The principal researcher will be Bill Mulligan, associate professor of history, director of the Forrest C. Pogue Public History Institute, and A-A A subscriber.

The SHA Gender & Minority Relations committee is sponsoring a session for the January, 2000 annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology in Quebec City. The title of the session will be: "African-Canadian Archaeological sites: The North Star of the Diaspora." The organizers have asked the following question: What do Canadian sites associated with the African descendant population reveal about continuity and change as this population adapted to their surroundings and circumstances? The session will encompass papers highlighting current or recent excavations of African descendant sites in Canada, and U.S. or Caribbean sites that have links to Canada. Contact either of the organizers for more information:

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The Journal of Caribbean Archaeology seeks submissions related to all aspects of prehistoric and historic archaeological research in the Caribbean and surrounding area. The journal will be refereed.

Contours is a new, multidisciplinary, refereed scholarly journal exploring the experiences of people of African descent throughout the world. They are particularly interested in submissions focusing on African-American archaeology. Contours will be published three times a year by Indiana University Press and is supported by the African and African-American studies program and the history department at Duke University. The editor is David Barry Gaspar, Professor of History, Duke University. For more information, call (919) 660-3197 email: (LLHORN@acpub.duke.edu) .

